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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BRANIFF

REF: A) QUITO 6640 B) QUITO 6603 C) STATE 217284 D) QUITO 6573

1. BRANIFF MANAGER RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION SUAREZ OCTOBER 8 CONCERNING OPERATION OF FLIGHTS DESPITE OUTSTANDING SUSPENSION ORDER. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF BODY OF TEXTS FOLLOWS.

2. FIRST LETTER. QUOTE: I THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF LETTER NO. 4621 OF OCTOBER 1, 1974 FROM THIS DIRECTORATE GENERAL. (FYI - ORDERING SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS 910, 911 AND 970)

AS FOR THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 3, 1974, THAT THE ABOLISHMENT OF TH FREQUENCIES MENTIONED IN LETTER NO. 4621 OF OCTOBER 1, 1974 BE SUSPENDED UNTIL CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD BETWEEN ECUADOR AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORTATION EXECUTED BY THE TWO COUNTIRES, I MUST TELL YOU THAT THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION REGRESTS IT IS NOT ABLE TO COMPLY WITH SUCH RE-
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QUEST, INASMUCH AS THE DECISION CONVEYED IN LETTER NO.4621 IS

IN RESPONSE TO A CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE THE REASON FOR THE INTERIM APPROVAL GIVEN IN LETTER NO. B6-3-0-74-2900 OF JUNE 25, 1974.

HOWEVER, THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL HAS, AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE, FAVORABLY CONSIDERED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FLIGHT ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, AND DURING TODAY AND THURSDAY (SIC) OF THIS WEEK IT WILL DECIDE ON THE ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES FOR THURSDAY, ALL OF THEM INDICATED IN LETTER NO. 4621. INDEPENDENTLY FROM THE ABOVE, AND EVEN THOUGH THE CIVIL AVIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MUST DECIDE ABOUT THE REQUEST AND THE MEETINGS FOR CONSULTATIONS TO WHICH YOU REFER, THIS DIRECTORATE GENERAL CONSIDERS THAT THE HOLDING OF SUCH MEETINGS IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE AND PERTINENT, ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY DECIDED. END QUOTE.

3. SECOND LETTER. QUOTE: FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED AND IN COMPLETION OF THE MATTER OF WHICH BRANIFF WAS NOTIFIED IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF MY LETTER B6-3-0-74-4736 OF THIS DATE, IN RELATION TO THE SERVICES OF THURSDAY OF THE CURRENT WEEK, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT MY DIRECTORATE GENERAL WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CIVIL AVIATION DECIDES:

1. TO AUTHORIZE EXCEPTIONALLY THE OPERATIONS OF FLIGHTS 911 AND 910 THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 1974, ON THE ROUTES MIAMI-PANAMA-QUITO AND QUITO-BOGOTA-MIAMI RESPECTIVELY.

2. TO RATIFY THE CONTENT AND DISPOSITIONS OF LETTER B6-3-0-74-4621 OF OCTOBER 1, 1974 (FYI - ORDERING SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS 910, 911 AND 970) AS WELL AS LETTER B/-3-0-74-4736 OF THIS DATE (FYI - OCTOBER 8, 1974) END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE INITIALLY NEGATIVE SIGNALS BRANIFF IS STILL FLYING ITS PREFERRED SCHEDULE. SUAREZ IS SO FAR CARRYING OUT THE PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLE THAT HE SAID HE WOULD (REF A). IN ORDEE TO BRING FOREIGN MINISTRY UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE REF B AND TO REINFORCE UNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION PENDING CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL'S FORMAL DECISION ON REPLY TO EMBASSY ON USG OFFER OF CONSULTATIONS, AMBASSADOR WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ FOR OCTOBER 10 OR 11.
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5. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT GOE WILL ACCEPT OFFER OF CONSULTATIONS BUT REFUSE TO LIFT FLIGHT SUSPENSION ORDER PENDING THE OUTCOME, EVEN THOUGHT THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REF C) AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS (REFS A AND D) WERE CLEAR ABOUT THE LINKAGE. SINCE THIS EVENTUALITY MIGHT CAUSE WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO REVIEW THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD ECUATORIANA'S OPERATIONS, SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER MAKING PROMPT

REPRESENTATIONS TO ECUADOREAN EMBASSY TO MAKE CLEAR THE "ECUATORIANA PROBLEM" (REF C PARA 4) AND THE FRANK REASONS WHY US AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TEMPORIZE ABOUT IT SO FAR.

6. UPCOMING TEL CONTAINS DRAFT AID MEMOIRE WE PROPOSE DELIVER OCTOBER 10 TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CONFIRM AND MAKE FORMAL RECORD OF CONVERSATION OF OCT. 3 (REF D).

7. PLEASE ADVISE RE PARA 5, ABOVE.
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